

Rural Sanitary District of Whitchurch Wants

Area 30609 acres, Population 5658 (1891)

Annual Report for the Year Ending
December 31st 1896

Registered Births

Whitchurch District	—	46
Workhouse	—	1
Overton District	—	66
St Mary Bourne "	—	26
Total		<u>169</u>

Deaths

Whitchurch District	—	30
Workhouse	—	5
Overton District	—	21
St Mary Bourne "	—	15
Total		<u>71</u>

Comparing this with the previous year, we have

Births

	1895	—	1896		
Whitchurch	86	—	77	decrease	9
Overton	67	—	66	"	1
St Mary Bourne	37	—	26	"	11
	<u>190</u>	—	<u>169</u>	decrease	<u>21</u>

Deaths

	1895	—	1896		
Whitchurch	35	—	30	decrease	5
Workhouse	11	—	5	"	6
Overton	20	—	21	increase	1
St Mary Bourne	21	—	15	decrease	6
	<u>87</u>	—	<u>71</u>	decrease	<u>16</u>

The Notification of Infectious Diseases Act
adopted July 1890 - Shows the following results

New Cases of Notifiable Infectious Diseases

Whitchurch District

Scarlatina - 10
Diphtheria - 0
Erysipelas - 0
Total 26

Workhouse - - - 0

Overton District

Scarlatina - 22
Diphtheria - 1
Enteric Fever - 2
Erysipelas - 1
Total 26

St Mary Bournemouth District

Scarlatina - 2
Erysipelas - 1
Total 3

Total in Sanitary Area - 55

1890, 1891, 1892 1893 1894, 1895, 1896
56 19 12 75 20 30 55

= 267 in 7 years out of a population of 56500
or 47.1 per 1000

Deaths from Notifiable Diseases

Whitchurch - Diphtheria - 1 } Total 2
Overton Scarlatina - 1 }

1890 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896
9 1 1 7 2 4 2

or 26 in 7 years = 4.5 per 1000

The following table shows the class of Notifiable Cases during each year and deaths therefrom

	<u>Small</u> <u>Pox</u>	<u>Scarlet</u> <u>Fever</u>	<u>Diphtheria</u>	<u>Measles</u> <u>Croup</u>	<u>Enteric or</u> <u>Typhoid</u>	<u>Erysipelas</u>	<u>Total</u>
1890	-	9	25	4	-	18	= 56
1891	-	2	3	-	1	13	= 19
1892		4	-	-	-	8	= 12
1893	5	25	35	1	1	8	= 75
1894	-	5	4	1	-	10	= 20
1895	-	17	3	4	4	2	= 30
1896	<u>-</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	= <u>55</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>69</u>	= <u>267</u>

Deaths 1890	-	-	5	2			= 7
1891							= 0
1892							= 0
1893	1		3	1	-	1	= 6
1894				1	-	-	= 1
1895			1	2	1	-	= 4
1896	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	= <u>2</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	= <u>20</u>

It may be of interest to analyze these diseases still more and apportion them to their several Districts —

<u>Scarlatina</u>	<u>Whitchurch</u>	<u>Overton</u>	<u>St. M. B.</u>	<u>Workhouse</u>	
1890	4	2	3	-	= 9
91	-	-	1	1	= 2
92	4	-	-	-	= 4
93	17	5	3	-	= 25
94	1	1	3	-	= 5
95	5	-	12	-	= 17
96	10	22	2	-	= 34
	<u>41</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>1</u>	= <u>96</u>

<u>Diphtheria</u>					
1890	21	4	-	-	= 25
91	2	1	-	-	= 3
92	-	-	-	-	= 0
93	34	1	-	-	= 35
94	2	2	-	-	= 4
95	3	-	-	-	= 3
96	8	1	-	-	= 9
	<u>70</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	= <u>79</u>

<u>Membr. Croup.</u>					
1890	2	1	1	-	= 4
91	-	-	-	-	= 0
92	-	-	-	-	= 0
93	-	1	-	-	= 1
94	-	-	1	-	= 1
95	4	-	-	-	= 4
96	-	-	-	-	= 0
	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	= <u>10</u>

Whitchurch, Overton St M B. Workhouse

Erysipelas

1890	7	7	2	2	=	10
91	8	4	1	—	=	13
92	1	4	3	—	=	8
93	1	4	3	—	=	8
94	4	2	4	—	=	10
95	2	—	—	—	=	2
96	8	1	1	—	=	10
	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>	=	<u>69</u>

Typhoid F

1891	—	—	1	—	=	1
93	1	—	0	—	=	4
95	1	—	3	—	=	4
96	—	2	—	—	=	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	=	<u>8</u>

Small Pox

1893	—	—	—	5	=	5
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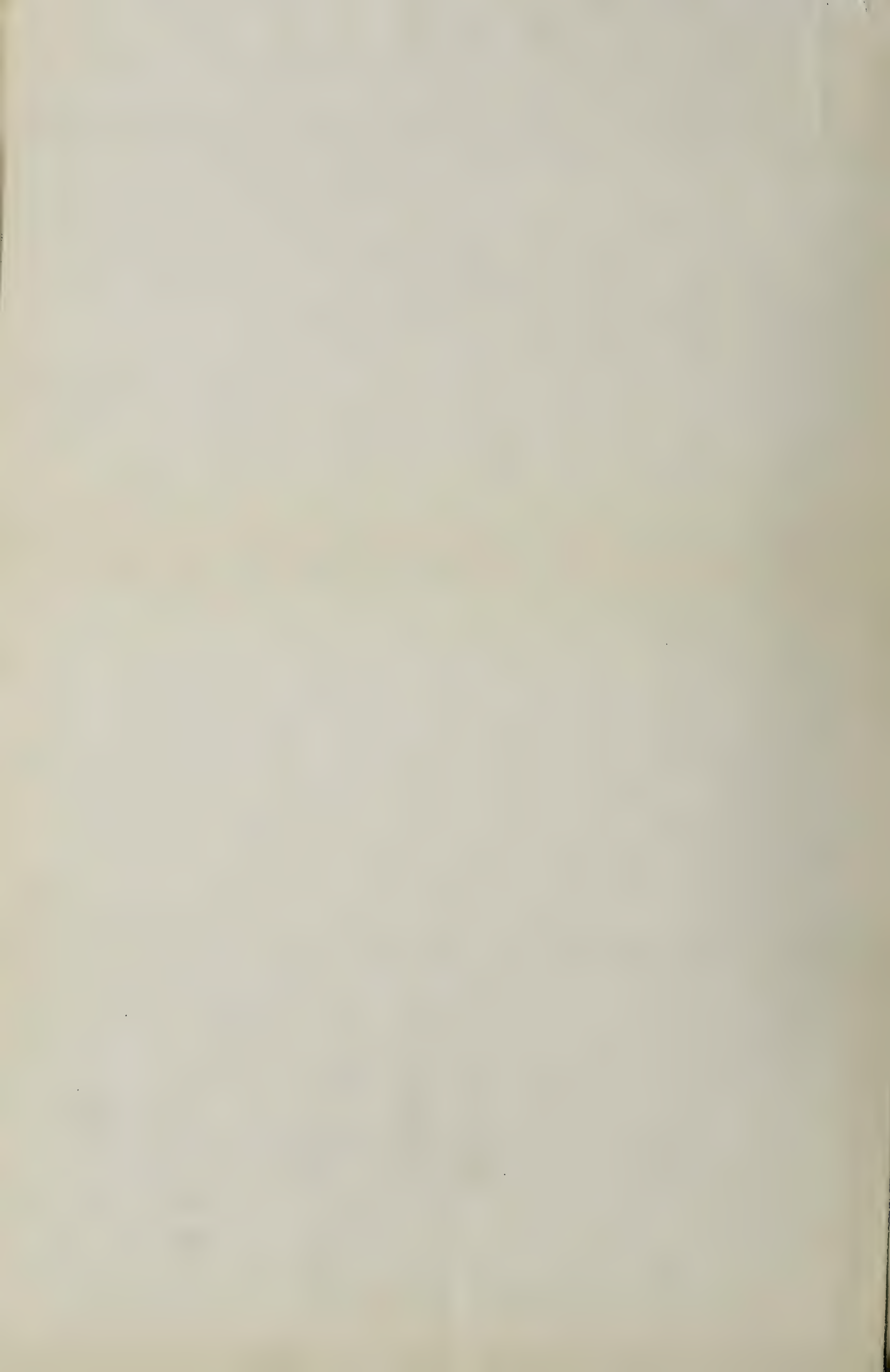
It may be observed that in several instances these diseases did not originate in the locality but were clearly imported directly or indirectly

This year has been remarkable for a succession of cases of Scarlatina. The first case notified was about the middle of January, & occurred in the St Mary Bourne District in connection with the cases occurring in that District in the latter part of the previous year. There was one other case in that District in August an Adult, but there was no explanation of the occurrence. —

On March 9th two cases were notified, as occurring in one family at Overton & on the 13th a third member of the same family. This was described as Malignant & proved fatal. The origin of these cases was never clear but it is probable that it was connected with cases outside the District — two possible sources having been suggested. — On the 22nd a ^{case} Child of a Child who had associated with the previous family was notified and on the 24th a case of a girl who had gone home from the previous house. — The Cottage to which she went was ill adapted for a case of the kind, isolation being impossible. — The result being that 2 other members of the family took it, one being notified on the 28th March the other on the 30th. — On the same day another case occurred which had no known connection with any of the previous ones. — It being now close upon the Easter holidays at the National Schools, I advised

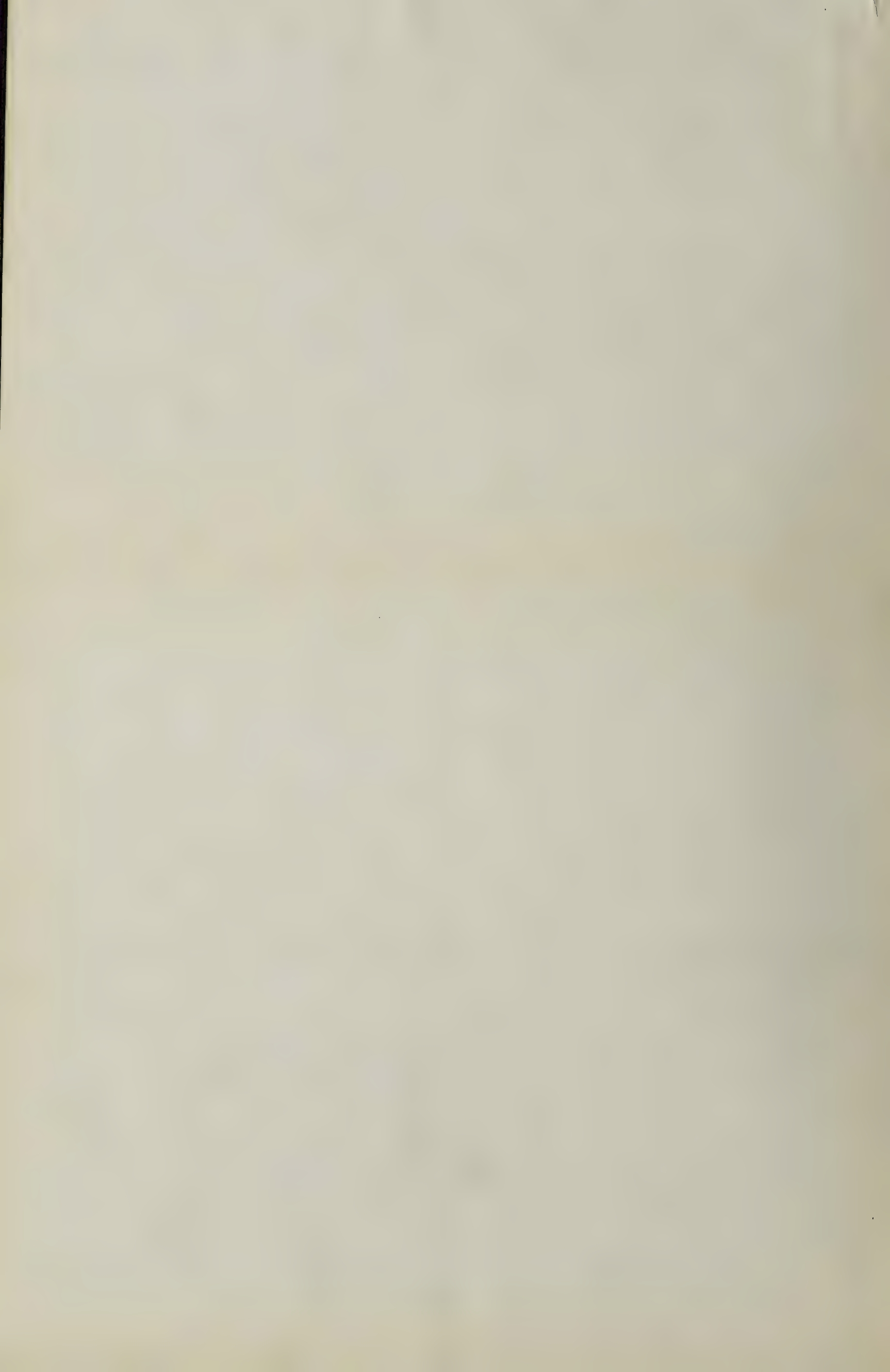


The windows close at once and on the reopening of the schools on Monday 13th of April to allow no scholar to return from any house in which there is infectious illness - The schools in the meantime to have a thorough fumigating and cleansing - On April 15th a case was notified from an outlying house, & this again followed by another on the 24th at a more distant place. On the 28th a case at the neighbouring village of Laverstoke - & another on May 10th at Exeter again on 25th another at Overton followed by others at intervals till July 10th there was then a lull till Sept 4th when it again appeared at an outlying place & then another case on the 16th at Overton - after which a case occurred in Whitchurch on Sept 30th its connection with any other of the foregoing not being evident - On Sept 4th another case at Overton & on the 10th a fresh one in Whitchurch at another part of the town - in both these cases at Whitchurch the child was moved to a neighbour's house for isolation purposes an undesirable plan perhaps in some ways, but the best that could be adopted. The other children were at the same time kept from school - & the father of each family was thus enabled to carry on his occupation it was very exceptional that in both these cases neighbours should have been found willing and able to take care of the little patients - At Overton the want



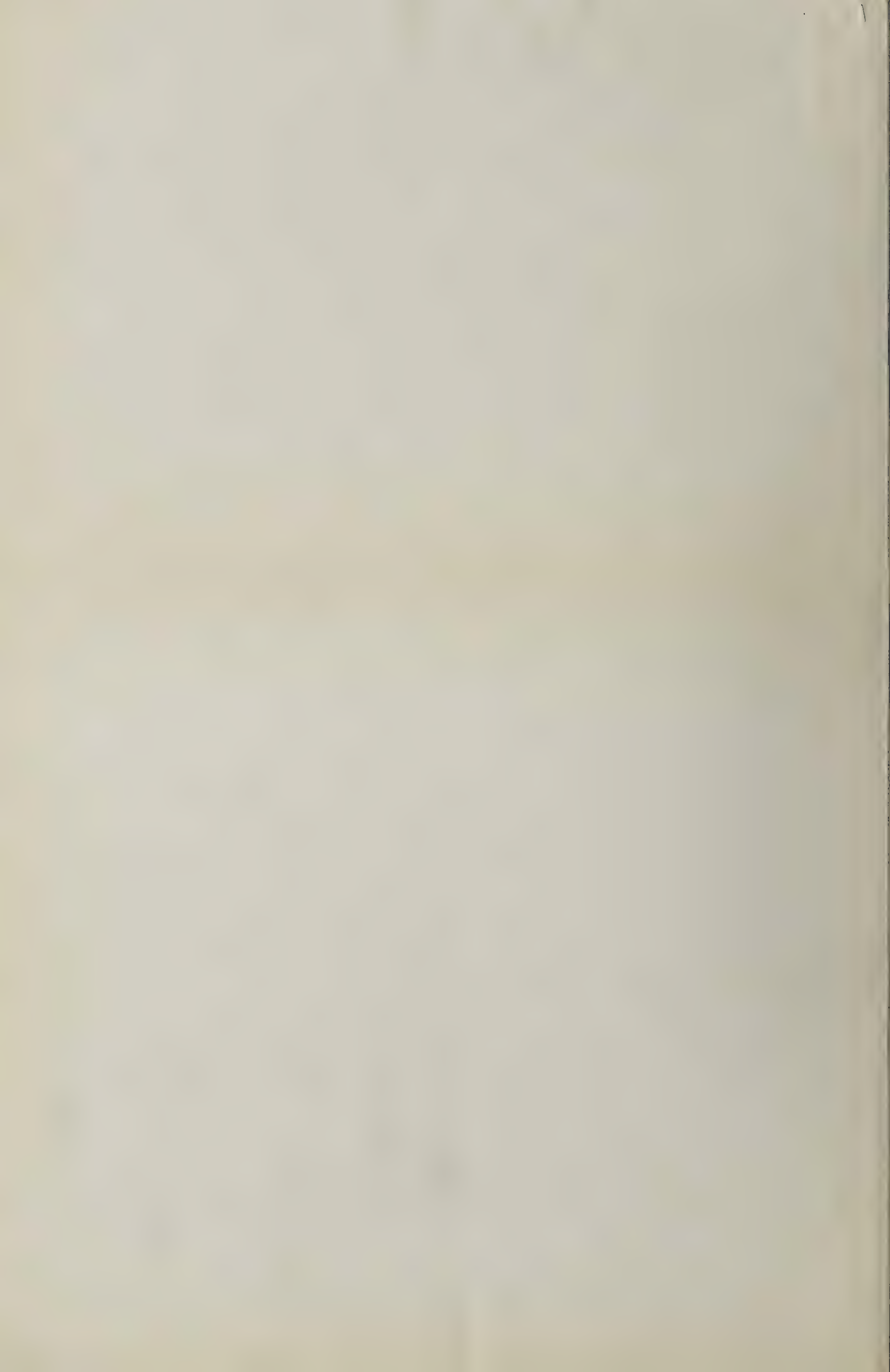
of the Isolation Hospital which had been
 in long and in consideration has been
 felt, & the District Council would gladly have
 hired a house for the purpose if one could
 have been obtained but this was found
 impossible. On October 10th in consequence
 of scarlatina having been notified
 in Whitchurch and in view of the
 probability of a succession of cases
 as at Thornton. I recommended that the
 District Council should if possible
 secure a small detached house which
 had vacant premises could be obtained
 and with some outlay be made suitable
 for temporary purposes. A Committee
 was appointed to take these measures
 as they thought fit but the difficulties
 were greater than anticipated
 and the plan was abandoned.
 When on the 26th October a bad case of
 scarlatina was reported in another
 part of Whitchurch in a house
 scarcely fit for habitation at all and
 much less for such a family as at
 present any attempt at isolation
 being impossible. - Man, wife & 6 children
 in 2 little bedrooms, 2 or 3 occupying the
 same bed in which the affected boy 11 years
 is & no convenience for nursing or washing &c.
 The District Council being now sorely puzzled
 what to do for the best decided at once
 and ordered that an Isolation

Hospital of Iron' be forthwith obtained
 with 5 beds & all necessary adjuncts
 This was procured & erected as speedily
 as circumstances would permit upon
 the piece of ground belonging to the
 District Council - A man & his wife were
 placed there as caretakers & it was hoped
 it would soon be available for use
 when required - Three other cases occurred
 in this same family but the Hospital
 was not ready in time for their removal -
 One case of Diphtheria occurred at
 Oulton of July 26th - 3 in the family at
 the beginning of June in an outlying
 place in the Whitechurch District - 2 cases
 in different parts of Whitechurch Aug 20th & 23rd
 One in another part of Whitechurch Dec 4th
 which was fatal on the 15th & 2 more in the
 same family on 28th - The origin of these
 cases was obscure - The 2 cases notified
 as Typhoid Fever in the Oulton District
 (1 in March & 1 in August) were understood
 to be of the type which can only be said
 to be among the cases of Typhoid fever throughout
 the year - There is nothing special to
 record with regard to Influenza it
 being of the ordinary type & such as I have
 observed for more than 30 years -
 A few cases of Chicken Pox have occurred
 from time to time also Whooping Cough -
Measles I know of in only one case at
 the end of December which probably
 contracted at Winchester -



During the Year many & frequent inspections of the District have been made and I have been in constant communication with the S.R. who is at all times ready to render any assistance in his power & by whom much good work has been done. The matters requiring attention & dealt with being laid before the Council. The result being many improvements & drains gutters, Closets, Pepperies, wells &c. Disinfectants have been supplied and disinfection resorted to as required. Overcrowding was abated in a house at Overton & a house in St Mary's Lane closed in consequence of being unfit for occupation -

In March I received complaint that pigs killed in consequence of disease were buried in proximity to neighbouring wells in the heart of the Town of Whitchurch. I made inquiry and ascertained that in accordance with instructions pigs ordered to be killed, are to be buried as near the sty as possible. I am assured that a large quantity of lime is used with the burial & am met with the argument that the soil is daily polluted by soakage from the pig styes. This opens up another reason why pigs should not be kept in houses and cellars close to houses



or wells; they are a constant nuisance
 and pollute air, soil & water & moreover
 pigs kept in an insanitary condition
 in the open and confined places
 frequently fed on filthy & unwholesome
 food, are as liable to be the victims of fever
 as human beings - hence the difficulty of
 eradicating swine fever which is so dangerous
 to the country - I certainly think the Board
 of Agriculture might take some steps to
 promote this desirable object; & that the
 Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 might prosecute in certain cases where
 the animals are habitually left without
 shelter & subsisted on filthy or fed on
 unwholesome food - A similar
 complaint was made later in the year
 that pigs were buried near a particular
 house & well, but here the burial
 took place in a field on the opposite
 side of the road - and not in my
 opinion in a situation likely
 to affect the well - it was also
 not in the town - The Board of
 Agriculture was communicated
 with & their Inspector was
 willing to do anything that
 was desired, and it was
 arranged that in future the
 Sanitary Authority should be
 consulted in the matter of burial
 near wells or dwellings -

In August my attention was called to a foul smell proceeding from certain premises in Whitechurch. I called at once on the J.R. & visited the premises with him & found a most dangerous nuisance existing - the main cause being a seach of pigs & rats in a state of decomposition and the whole place indescribably dirty - the house being too sickening to allow of our remaining to examine fully - we took immediate action to get the nuisance abated without delay - In September a case of overcrowding was abated in Whitechurch -

The Death Rate for the Year is

The Death Rate in
1911 was 12.5
per 1000
population -

12.5 per 1000 population
and The Infant Mortality (under 1 year of age)
at the rate of 94.2 per 1000 births registered
as compared with 17.7 & 112 respectively in 1894
and 15.2 & 94.7 respectively in 1895

The Inspector of Nuisances has kindly furnished me with the following summary of work done under his supervision during the Year -

New Drains <u>6</u> -	Repaired	10
Dead Wells	Cleaned out	15
Houses Cleaned & Disinfected		20
"	Disinfected	18
New Well Cuts	10 - Wells cleaned out	6
New Closets	4 - Repaired & Improved	12
Pipeworks	Cleaned & Improved	12

New Catchpits 4	Repaired	6
Pumps repaired	"	
Cottages repaired & made fit for occupation		10
Over crowding abated		2
Closets closed as unfit for occupation		1
Certificates granted for water		
Supply to new houses		3
Bath houses inspected	—	9
Slaughter houses	"	5
Dairies & Cowsheds	"	15

The surroundings of many cottages improved by the removal of refuse manure & other offensive accumulation
Disinfectants supplied when required

I may add that during part of the year there was a difficulty with the scavenging of Whitechapel due to the illness & death of the Scavenger - but it is hoped that the newly appointed Scavenger will carry out his work regularly and well -

It is satisfactory to find year by year much improvement in the condition of the District - and that most of the bad places have disappeared - I should certainly like to see a better sort of closet for the poor is not - satisfactory for a family and undoubtedly every dwelling ought to have a closet for itself - If owners of property would see to these matters more thoroughly & to the keeping of their Cottages in better condition generally



We should soon have a greater
improvement still & probably
our death rate and sickness be
still less now at present.

I am, Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
Henry Kemsted
Inca. Offr. of Health
Whitchurch, Hants. R.I.D.

Jan'y 16th 1897.

To the Rural District Council
of Whitchurch, Hants.

P.S.

I have I think previously recommended
the notification of Measles, but I
now think it might with advantage
be constituted for Dysentery
which in this District appears to be
of little importance in the majority
of cases - and on this point the
Local Sanitation Board might
probably advise.

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Annual Report

for the Year

ending Dec. 31st

1896

Whitchurch, Hunt

(A. C. 1896)

Area 30609 Acres

Population 56558

(Census 1891)

Many Remains

Pres. of R. & W. M. M.

Survey 16th 1896

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1896, in the Whitchurch Heath General Sanitary District,
classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities. (See note 4 on back of sheet.) (Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.)	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES.								MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																					
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	(a)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
									Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	FEVERS.			Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	*	Injuries.	All Other Diseases.	TOTAL.	
														Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.														Puerperal.
(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)																							
Whitchurch Dist	30	7	4	1	0	9	9	Under 5 5 upwds.			1														2	2		1	13	11
2								Under 5 5 upwds.																						
Wickham	5	1	0	0	0	1	3	Under 5 5 upwds.																		2			2	4
*								Under 5 5 upwds.																						
Wickham	21	5	1	0	2	6	7	Under 5 5 upwds.		1															1	2			4	6
								Under 5 5 upwds.																						
Wickham Dist	15	3	2	0	0	2	8	Under 5 5 upwds.													1					1			3	5
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TOTALS	71	16	7	1	2	18	27	Under 5 5 upwds.		1	1									1				3	3	7		1	17	23

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality. See Note 5 on back.

Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.																														
Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.	1																											1		1
																														1

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality. See Note 5 on back.

Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.								Under 5 5 upwds.																						
Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.	1							Under 5 5 upwds.																				1		1

* The heading of column 19 is left blank for the insertion of Influenza, or any other disease which it may be thought desirable to record.

NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

- NOTE 1. *Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each District Council.*
2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*
3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*
4. *The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.*

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.*

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.	
Area in Acres	30609
Population (1891)	5658
"	(Estimated to middle of 1896)
Death Rates.	General 12.5 { per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1896.
	Infant (under one year of age) 94.2 { per 1,000 Births Registered.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

Henry Hemsted Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) *Jan'y 15th*, 1897.

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TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1896, in the Witchurch, Warrs District; classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.
(B)

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities. (See Note 2 on back of sheet.)	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.			Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY, COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.													NUMBER OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.														
	(a.)	(b.)	(c.)			(d.)	(e.)	1	2	3	4	FEBERS.					10	11	12	13	1	2	3	4	FEBERS.					10	11	12	13
												Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.									Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal	Cholera.				

Witchurch District	2958	76	Under 5		1	1																														
			5 upwds.		9	7																														
			Under 5																																	
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			Under 5																																	
Witchurch	1668	66	Under 5		2																															
			5 upwds.		20	1																														
			Under 5																																	
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St. Mary's Manor Dist.	1052	26	Under 5																																	
			5 upwds.		2																															
			Under 5																																	
			5 upwds.																																	
			Under 5																																	
TOTALS					3	1																														
					31	8																														

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District Yes. Since when? Dec. 1890. Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with blank headings the names of any that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the Locality in which such Hospital is situated; and if not within the District, state where it is situated.

NOTES ON TABLE **B.**

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the district or division to which the Table relates.

2. As stated in the heading of Col. (a), *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*